

Caroline R. Fish

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026-2027 **Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Miami University**

EDUCATION

2026 **Ph.D., Department of History, Purdue University**
Dissertation title: “The *Embajadoras* Network: Women, Politics, and the Development of Spanish Diplomacy, 1564-1696”
Advisor: Dr. Silvia Z. Mitchell
Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities

2017 **M.Phil., Early Modern History, The University of Cambridge**
Master’s Dissertation: “Diego Sarmiento de Acuña, Count of Gondomar and the Promotion of Spanish Interests at the Court of James VI and I, 1613-1618”

2016 **B.A., History, Political Science, Spanish Literature, Arizona State University**
Summa cum laude, Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University

AWARDS AND HONORS

International Grants and Awards

Fulbright U.S. Student Award – Spain, The Fulbright Program, 2022-2023

External Awards

PhD/ECR Best Paper Award, Our Interlocked Universe Conference, University of Southampton and the Centre for Historical Research, 2024

Travel Grants

Early Career Researcher Travel Funding, University of Luxembourg, 2024
Robert M. Kingdon Prize, The Sixteenth Century Society, 2024
The Center for Renaissance Studies Consortium Grants, The Newberry Library, 2022, 2023, 2025

Internal Grants and Awards

2026 CLA Distinguished Dissertation Award, Purdue University (nominee)
Ross Fellowship, Purdue University, 2020-Present
George Mayer Award for History, Purdue University, 2025
M.L. Flaningham Graduate Award, Purdue University, 2023
Promise Award, Purdue University, 2023, 2024
Graduate School Summer Research Grant, Purdue University, 2021, 2022, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

Chapters

“The Politics of Piety: Reconstructing the Marquise of Aytona’s Diplomatic Network, 1606-1609.” In *Historical Network Analysis: Applications and New Directions*, eds. Grace Di Méo and Caitlin Burge. London and New York: Bloomsbury.

Reviews

Co-authored with Spencer Stewart, “Digital Humanities,” *The Year’s Work in Critical and Cultural Theory*, 33, no. 1 (2026).

In Preparation

Books

The Embajadoras Network: Women, the Familial Embassy, and the Development of Spanish Diplomacy, 1564-1697.

Articles

“The Diplomacy of Death: Serafina de Braganza and the Spanish Embassy in Rome, 1603-4.”

“The Princess and the Sea: The Trans-Territorial Power of Constanza Doria del Carretto, 1665-79.”

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

2026 “Dynastic Diplomacy: Transnational Nobility and Spanish Embassies in Early Modern Italy.” Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference, Chicago, October 29-31. [upcoming]

“Sense and Sociability: Spanish Ambassadors and the Politics of Social Connection.” Gender, Diplomacy and Material Culture in Early Modern Europe, University of Verona, Verona, September 8-10. [upcoming]

“‘Our Grandees Domiciled Elsewhere:’ The Doria, a Hispano-Genoese Dynasty,” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies 2026 Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, April 22-25.

“Ambassadorial Daughters: Dynastic Networkers in Spanish Renaissance Embassies,” Renaissance Society of America 2026 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, February 19-21.

2025 “‘To Serve with Such Obligation:’ Spanish Ambassadors and Diplomacy in

Seventeenth-Century Genoa,” The Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference, Portland, October 30-November 1.

“Elite Expectations: Women, Precedence, and Spanish Diplomacy in the Seventeenth-Century Imperial Court,” Three Centuries in the Heart of Europe: European Aristocracy in the Early Modern Period, University of Hradec Králové and University of Pardubice, Hradec Králové and Pardubice, October 2-3.

“Women’s Diplomacy in Action: The Exile of Marie de Medicis, 1631,” Society for Renaissance Studies 11th Biennial Conference, Bristol, July 2-5.

“The Nobility My Children Will Inherit”: The 1604 Testament of Seraphina de Braganza,” Renaissance Society of America 2025 Annual Meeting, Boston, March 20-22.

2024

“Women, Diplomacy and the Composite Character of the Infantado Embassy to Rome, 1649-1651,” Sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference 2024, Toronto, October 31-November 2.

“Social Network Analysis and Premodern Political Factions: The Case Study of the VIII Marquise of Cogolludo, 1687-1696.” Historical Arguments and the Digital, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, June 25-27.

“The Politics of Health: Ambassadors, Illness, and Spanish Diplomacy in Early Modern Europe.” II Seminario Internacional “Corte y Diplomacia” Entre Público y Privado. La Cotidianidad de los Agentes Diplomáticos en las Cortes Europeas (ss. XVI-XVIII)., Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, April 23-24.

“A Network of Challenges: The Historical Quandaries of Network Analysis and Early Modern Diplomacy.” Our Interlocked Universe Conference, University of Southampton, Southampton, March 26-27.

“The Ambassador Correspondent: Diplomatic Networking of the Spanish Embassy in Rome, 1606-1609,” Renaissance Society of America 2024 Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 21-23.

2023

“A Matter of Service to His Majesty: Costanza de Acuña, Naval Jurisdiction, and the Imprisonment of Juan de Fiesco, 1679.” Women and the Sea in the Early Modern World Symposium, University of Plymouth, Plymouth, September 7-8.

“An Independent Ambassador: Francisca de Zúñiga, Marquise of Mirabel, and Female Negotiation in Marie de Médici’s Exile in the Spanish Low Countries, 1631.” International Seminar: In the Footsteps of Decision-Making: Ground Interests and Sociability in Pre-Modern Politics, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, April 21-22.

2022

“The Trans-Territorial Power of Costanza Doria del Carretto, Princess of Avella, 1665-1679.” Renaissance Society of America Virtual, November 30-December 3.

“Relics, Matriarchy, and Power: The Testament of Mariana Engracia Álvarez de Toledo Portugal (1624-1686),” Newberry Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference, The Newberry Library, Chicago, January 17.

- 2021 “‘Polypragmatic Papists’: The Pro-Catholic Activism of Costanza de Acuña and Diego de la Fuente, 1613-1618,” Newberry Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference, The Newberry Library, Chicago, February 8.

Scholarly Meetings Organized

- 2026 Conference Panel. “Transnational Elites in the Hispanic World.” The Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference 2026, Chicago, October 29-31 [upcoming]
- 2025 Conference Panel. “Diplomacy through Networks of Gender, Power, Faith, and Family in Early Modern Europe,” The Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference 2025, Portland, October 30-November 1.
- Conference Panel. “Women’s Interconnectivity in International Networks,” Society for Renaissance Studies 11th Biennial Conference, Bristol, July 2-5.
- Biennial Conference. Purdue HGSA Biannual Graduate Student Conference, “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Gender, Class, and Race Across Time,” Purdue University, West Lafayette, March 8.
- Conference Panel. “Testaments and Inventories: Conductors of Women’s Agency and Power,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting 2025, Boston, March 20-22. Co-organized with Sarah Dyer Magleby.
- 2024 Conference Panel. “The Renaissance Ambasatrice: Networks, Power, and Diplomatic Strategy, 1598-1648,” Sponsored by the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, Purdue University, Renaissance Society of America 2024 Annual Meeting, Chicago March 21-23.
- Annual Conference. 2024 Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference in Premodern Studies at the Newberry Library, The Newberry Library, Chicago, February 1-3.

Panels Chaired

- 2026 “Networks of Faith, Power, and Pragmatism: The Habsburgs in Trans-European Perspective,” The Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference, Chicago, October 29-31. [upcoming]
- “Building the State by Those Beneath It,” Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 24.
- 2025 “Gender, Identity, and Belief,” Purdue HGSA Biannual Graduate Student Conference, West Lafayette, March 8.
- 2024 “Centrality Analysis,” Our Interlocked Universe Conference, University of Southampton, Southampton, March 26-27.

“Forms of Rebellion,” 2024 Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference in Premodern Studies at the Newberry Library, Chicago, February 1-3.

“Criminality,” 2024 Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference in Premodern Studies at the Newberry Library, Chicago, February 1-3.

Roundtable Discussant

- 2027 “Reproduction and Regimes of Authority,” Renaissance Society of America 2027 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 11-13 [upcoming].
- 2026 “Looking at Objects, Thinking through Matter: Methodological Crossroads in Early Modern Research,” Renaissance Society of America 2026 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, February 19-21.
- 2024 Cultural Analytics Roundtable, Association for Computers and the Humanities (ACH) Regional Hub at Purdue University, West Lafayette, November 8.

Works-in-Progress Presented

- 2024 “Emergence in a Heretical Land: Ambassadors, Confessional Diplomacy, and the Spanish Embassy in London, 1610-1618,” Purdue HGSA Works-in-Progress, October 24.
- “The Impetus of Spanish Female Diplomacy in the Northern Office: Isabel Clara Eugenia, the Marquises of Guadalest, and the Power of Female Networks, 1607-1616,” Premodern Spanish History Association of the Midwest, February 24.

TEACHING

Awards and Honors

- 2025 Purdue University, Purdue University Teaching Academy’s Graduate Teaching Award

Instructor of Record — Undergraduate Courses

Department of History, Miami University

- Fall 2026 Making of Modern Europe, 1450-1750
World History to 1500

Department of History, Purdue University

- Spring 2025 Queens and Empresses in Early Modern Europe [cross-listed]
Fall 2024 Introduction to the Medieval World

School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Purdue University

- Spring 2025 Queens and Empresses in Early Modern Europe [cross-listed]

Guest Lecturer — Graduate Courses

Department of History, Purdue University
Fall 2025 Iberian Empire & First Global Age
Spring 2022 Introduction to the Medieval World

School of Information Studies, Purdue University
Fall 2025 Digital Humanities Foundations

Guest Lecturer – Undergraduate Courses

Department of History, Purdue University
Spring 2026 Gender and Politics in Early Modern Europe
Spring 2022 Introduction to the Medieval World

Graduate Workshops

Conference Presentation and Performance for Graduate Students, Purdue University, February 27, 2025

Undergraduate Workshops

Conference and Thesis Presentation for History Honors Students, Purdue University, February 24, 2025

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of History, Purdue University
Spring 2022 Introduction to the Medieval World
Fall 2021 Introduction to the Modern World
Spring 2021 Introduction to the Modern World
Fall 2020 Death, Disease, and Medicine in Twentieth-Century American History

Secondary School Teacher

Tempe Preparatory Academy, Tempe, AZ
2019-2020 7th Grade American History, 10th Grade European History and Literature
2018-2019 8th Grade American History, 10th Grade European History and Literature

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2025 DH Hackathon, Purdue University, November 14

R. Douglas Hurt Prize Committee, Purdue University

Co-convenor, Purdue HGSA Biannual Graduate Student Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, March 8

Special advisor to the Purdue History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University

2024 Research Group. “El legado de Carlos II. La monarquía de España y su impacto sociocultural en el Madrid del siglo XVII,” Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

2021-2022	Representative-At-Large, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University
2020-2021	First-Year Cohort Representative, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University
2015-2016	Digital Archivist, James and Anna Melikian Chinese Immigrants in Cuba Collection, Arizona State University

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Affiliations

Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies
 Phi Beta Kappa, Arizona State University Chapter
 Premodern Spanish History Association of the Midwest
 Renaissance Society of America
 Sixteenth Century Society
 Society for Renaissance Studies
 Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender

Research Undertaken at Archives and Libraries

Archivo de la Corona de Aragón, Barcelona, Spain
 Archivo Histórico Nacional, Madrid, Spain
 Archivo Histórico Nacional, Sección Nobleza, Toledo, Spain
 Archivo General de Simancas, Province of Valladolid, Spain
 ASU Digital Repository, Tempe, AZ
 Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Rome, Italy
 Biblioteca Nacional de España, Madrid, Spain
 Biblioteca del Real Palacio de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
 Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris, France
 The British Library, London, England
 Fundación Medinaceli, Seville and Toledo, Spain
 Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna, Austria
 Lambeth Palace Library, London, England
 The National Archives, London, England
 Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

Language skills

English (C2)
 Spanish (C1)
 French (A2)
 Italian (A2)
 Catalan (B1)

Professional Training

2022	Early Modern English Paleography Workshop, Purdue University
2021	“Fellowship and Grant Application Writing” Course, Purdue University
2016	“Practical Paleography, 1500-1650” Course, Cambridge University